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While I am pleased to hear the repeated references to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (DDPA), I am more concerned that the DDPA is fully and completely preserved, promoted, and implemented. PARTICULARLY, that it's working group is fully funded and functioning.

The Durban Declaration and Programme of Action is our Freedom Charter. It is the most recent expression of SELF-DETERMINATION of African and other formerly colonized and enslaved peoples. We must not allow the colonizers to seduce us or confuse our most uninformed and vulnerable into servitude with fancy talk.

It is offensive and a major contradiction that this body puts on the podium, an honored position, two of the DDPA's greatest opponents, both colonizers and genocidal arms dealers, the United States and Canada. Neither of which meaningfully commemorated the Decade of People Afrikan Descent.

Still worse, like puppeteer, they control the question of Reparations in their blood stained hand by advancing their ambitious puppets. It is an insult to our intelligence and the dignity of people African Descent worldwide; but more, it guarantees us less than the full and complete reparations that we are due. By what authority do their agents speak for us.

Despite DDPA references, does this body fancy itself above the DDPA, its working group and other long standing race related mechanisms. We will not allow the Global North and its minions to degrade the importance of the DDPA by attempting to distract us with with its boondoogles and shiney objects, i.e. Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Agenda 2030, so-called Africa Leadership Goals, or Africom. DO NOT BE FOOLED, none of these have anything to do with liberating People of African Descent, but everything to do with re-enslaving us.

We must inform ourselves of and be guided by our knowledge and experience with the colonizers and the genocide they continue to rain on humanity and the plant. We must in this body and in all mechanism put and keep all power in the hands of the masses of the people and not our former enslavers.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE, BLACK POWER!